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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to interview of 08/15/2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 57-64.
3. The drawings filed on 20 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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Paper No./Mail Date <u>08/15/2005</u> . |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Krause on 15 August 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: Amend the specification as follows:

- (A) On page 37, line10, delete "(e.g. Claims 1 and 16)";
- (B) on page 37 lines 19-20 delete "(e.g. Claims 2,6, 17, 21)";
- (C) on page 37 lines 24-25 delete "(e.g. Claims 3,7,18,22)";
- (D) on page 38 lines 6-7 delete "(e.g. Claims 4,19)";
- (E) on page 38 lines 10-11 delete "(e.g. Claims 5,20)";
- (F) on page 38 lines 20-21 delete "(e.g. Claims 8,23)";
- (G) on page 39 lines 3-4 delete "(e.g. Claims 9,24)";
- (H) on page 39 lines 14-15 delete "(e.g. Claim 10)";
- (I) on page 40 lines 2-3 delete "(e.g. Claim11)";
- (J) on page 40 lines 8-9 delete "(e.g. Claim12)";
- (K) on page 40 lines 15-16 delete "(e.g. Claim13)";
- (L) on page 40 lines 19-20 delete "(e.g. Claim14)";
- (M) on page 41 lines 3-4 delete "(e.g. Claim15)";

- (N) on page 41 lines 14-15 delete "(e.g. Claims 25,26)";
- (O) on page 41 lines 18-19 delete "(e.g. Claim 27)";
- (P) on page 42 lines 8-9 delete "(e.g. Claim 28)".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 57-64 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art fails to teach or make obvious an apparatus comprising the combination of synchronous signal receiving means, line trigger producing means, instruction receiving means, motor control means including first memory means holding timer data and second memory means holding a number of steps; the motor control means controls acceleration/deceleration of the stepping motor by switching acceleration/deceleration tables; wherein the instruction receiving means receives the motor control instruction from the CPU synchronously with the reception of the synchronous signal even after control of acceleration/deceleration is ended.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renata McCloud whose telephone number is (571) 272-2069. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.- Fri. from 8 am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 4. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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